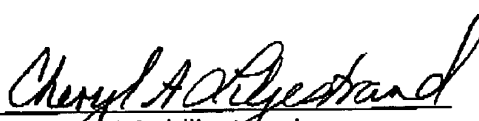


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Applicants submit that claims 28-34 are in condition for allowance, and request a timely Notice of same. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the undersigned invites such conference at the number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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